HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 76 By Fowlkes

A RESOLUTION to honor Judge James L. Weatherford of Lawrenceburg.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those worthy citizens who have given unreservedly of themselves to their profession, as well as to their community; and

WHEREAS, Judge James L. Weatherford is one such outstanding individual, a man of purpose and commitment, and he richly deserves the commendation and respect of this legislative body; and

WHEREAS, with proficiency and dedication, Judge Weatherford has served his community and the state by means of his astute service as a Judge of the 22nd Judicial District since 1978; and

WHEREAS, he currently serves with considerable distinction as the first rural trial judge in Tennessee history to take senior status; and

WHEREAS, Judge Weatherford received his law degree from the Cumberland University School of Law in 1957; and

WHEREAS, he proudly served his country in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, before his meritorious judicial career, Judge Weatherford was an Assistant District Attorney General for the old 11th Judicial Circuit from 1962-65; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Weatherford served with acumen and alacrity as a delegate to the 1965 Tennessee Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, always concerned with maintaining a high professional standard within his chosen field of law, Judge Weatherford is a member of the Tennessee Judicial Conference and formerly served as Treasurer of the Tennessee Trial Judges Association from 1983-1996; and

WHEREAS, Judge Weatherford is an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church in Lawrenceburg; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Judge James Weatherford is most appreciative of the time he shares with his son, Bill; and

WHEREAS, this body finds it appropriate to pause in its hectic schedule to commend Judge James Weatherford on his outstanding career in public service and to acknowledge his many years of meritorious service to the people of Lawrence, Giles, Maury and Wayne Counties; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Judge James L. Weatherford on his contributions to the state of Tennessee as a public servant and civic leader, and congratulate him on his assumption of senior status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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